

R156. Commerce, Occupational and Professional Licensing.

R156-67. Utah Medical Practice Act Rules.

R156-67-101. Title.

These rules shall be known as the "Utah Medical Practice Act Rules".

R156-67-102. Definitions.

In addition to the definitions in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 67, as used in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 67 or these rules:

(1) "ACCME" means the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education.

(2) "Alternate medical practices", as used in Section R156-67-603, means treatment or therapy which is determined in an adjudicative proceeding conducted in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46b, Administrative Procedures Act, to be:

(a) not generally recognized as standard in the practice of medicine;

(b) not shown by current generally accepted medical evidence to present a greater risk to the health, safety, or welfare of the patient than does prevailing treatment considered to be the standard in the profession of medicine; and

(c) supported by a body of current generally accepted written documentation demonstrating the treatment or therapy has reasonable potential to be of benefit to the patient to whom the therapy or treatment is to be given.

(3) "AMA" means the American Medical Association.

(4) "FLEX" means the Federation of State Medical Boards Licensing Examination.

(5) "FMGEMS" means the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination in Medical Science.

(6) "FSMB" means the Federation of State Medical Boards.

(7) "Homeopathic medicine" means a system of medicine employing and limited to substances prepared and prescribed in accordance with the principles of homeopathic pharmacology as described in the Homeopathic Pharmacopoeia of the United States, its compendia, addenda, and supplements, as officially recognized by the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, Public Law 717.21 U.S. Code Sec. 331 et seq., as well as the state of Utah's food and drug laws and Controlled Substances Act.

(8) "LMCC" means the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada.

(9) "NBME" means the National Board of Medical Examiners.

(10) "Unprofessional conduct" as defined in Title 58, Chapters 1 and 67 is further defined in accordance with Subsection 58-1-203(5), in Section R156-67-502.

(11) "USMLE" means the United States Medical Licensing Examination.

R156-67-103. Authority - Purpose.

These rules are adopted by the division under the authority of Subsection 58-1-106(1) to enable the division to administer Title 58, Chapter 67.

R156-67-104. Organization - Relationship to Rule R156-1.

The organization of this rule and its relationship to Rule R156-1 is as described in Section R156-1-107.

R156-67-302a. Qualifications for Licensure - Practitioner Data Banks.

In accordance with Subsections 58-67-302(1)(a)(i) and 58-1-401(2), applicants applying for licensure under Subsections 58-67-302(1) and (2) shall submit the Federation Credentials Verification Service (FCVS) form.

R156-67-302d. Qualifications for Licensure - Examination Requirements.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-67-302(1)(g), the required licensing examination sequence is the following:

(a) the FLEX components I and II on which the applicant shall have achieved a score of not less than 75 on each component part; or

(b) the NBME examination parts I, II, and III on which the applicant shall achieve a passing score of not less than 75 on each part; or

(c) the USMLE, steps 1, 2 and 3 on which the applicant shall achieve a score of not less than 75 on each step; or

(d) the LMCC examination, Parts 1 and 2; or

(e) the NBME part I or the USMLE step 1 and the NBME part II or the USMLE step 2 and the NBME part II or the USMLE step 3; or

(f) the FLEX component 1 and the USMLE step 3; or

(g) the NBME part I or the USMLE step 1 and the NBME part II or the USMLE step 2 and the FLEX component 2.

(h) In addition all applicants who are foreign medical graduates shall pass the FMGEMS unless they pass the USMLE steps 1 and 2.

(2) In accordance with Subsection 58-67-302(2)(d), an applicant under the following circumstances may be required to take the SPEX examination to document his qualification for licensure:

- (a) has not practiced in the past three years;
- (b) has had disciplinary action in the past;
- (c) has a physical or mental impairment which may affect his ability to safely practice; or
- (d) has had a history of substance abuse.

(3) In accordance with Subsection (2) above, the passing score on the SPEX examination is 75.

R156-67-302e. Qualifications for Licensure - Requirements for Admission to the Examinations.

(1) Admission to the USMLE steps 1 and 2 shall be in accordance with policies and procedures of the FSMB and the NBME.

(2) Requirements for admission to the USMLE step 3 are:

(a) completion of the education requirements as set forth in Subsections 58-67-302(1)(d) and (e);

(b) passing scores on USMLE steps 1 and 2, or the FLEX component 1, or the NBME parts I and II;

(c) have passed the first USMLE step taken, either 1 or 2, within seven years if enrolled in a medical doctorate program and ten years if enrolled in a medical doctorate/doctorate of philosophy program; and

(d) have not failed a combination of USMLE step 3, FLEX component 2 and NBME part III, three times.

(3) Candidates who fail a combination of USMLE step 3, FLEX component 2 and NBME part III three times must successfully complete additional education as required by the board before being allowed to sit for USMLE step 3.

R156-67-303. Renewal Cycle - Procedures.

(1) In accordance with Subsection 58-1-308(1), the renewal date for the two-year renewal cycle applicable to licensees under Title 58, Chapter 67 is established by rule in Section R156-1-308.

(2) Renewal procedures shall be in accordance with Section R156-1-308.

R156-67-304. Qualified Continuing Professional Education.

(1) The qualified continuing professional education set forth in Subsection 58-67-304(1) shall consist of 40 hours in category 1 offerings as established by the ACCME in each preceding two year licensure cycle.

(2) The standard for qualified continuing professional education is that it consist of offerings or courses approved by institutions accredited by the ACCME to approve continuing medical education.

(3) A licensee must be able to document completion of the continuing professional education upon the request of the Division. Such documentation should be retained until the next renewal cycle. Documentation of completed qualified continuing professional education shall consist of any of the following:

- (a) certificates from sponsoring agencies;
- (b) transcripts of participation on applicable institutions letterhead; and
- (c) "CME Self-Reporting Log".

(4) Participation in an ACGME approved residency program shall be considered to meet the continuing education requirement in a pro-rata amount equal to any part of that two year period.

R156-67-306. Exemptions from Licensure.

In accordance with Subsection 58-1-307(1), exemptions from licensure as a physician and surgeon include the following:

(1) any physician excepted from licensure, who engages in prescribing, dispensing, or administering a controlled substance outside of a hospital, shall be required to apply for and obtain a Utah Controlled Substance License as a condition precedent to them administering, dispensing or prescribing a controlled substance;

(2) any physician appointed to a graduate medical education or training program which is not accredited by the ACGME, for which exception from licensure is requested under the provisions of Subsection 58-1-307(1)(c) shall apply for registration with and receive approval of the division and board as a condition precedent to that individual engaging in any activity included in the practice of medicine;

(3) any person engaged in a competent public screening program making measures of physiologic conditions including serum cholesterol, blood sugar and blood pressure, shall be exempt from licensure and shall not be considered to be engaged in the practice of medicine conditioned upon compliance with all of the following:

(a) all instruments or devices used in making measures are approved by the Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, to the extent an approval is required, and the instruments and devices are used in accordance with those approvals;

(b) the facilities and testing protocol meet any standards or personnel training requirements of the Utah Department of Health;

(c) unlicensed personnel shall not interpret results of measures or tests nor shall they make any recommendation with respect to treatment or the purchase of any product;

(d) licensed personnel shall act within the lawful scope of practice of their license classification;

(e) unlicensed personnel shall conform to the referral and follow-up protocol approved by the Utah Department of Health for each measure or test; and

(f) information provided to those persons measured or tested for the purpose of permitting them to interpret their own test results shall be only that approved by the Utah Department of Health;

(4) non-licensed public safety individuals not having emergency medical technician (EMT) certification who are designated by appropriate city, county, or state officials as responders may be issued and allowed to carry the Mark I automatic injector antidote kits and may administer the antidote to himself or his designated first response "buddy". Prior to being issued the kits, the designated responders must successfully complete a course on the use of auto-injectors. The kits may be issued to the responder only by his employing agency and procured through the Utah Department of Health.

R156-67-502. Unprofessional Conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct" includes:

(1) prescribing for oneself any Schedule II or III controlled substance; however, nothing in these rules shall be interpreted by the division or the board to prevent a licensee from using, possessing or administering to himself a Schedule II or III controlled substance which was legally prescribed for him by a licensed practitioner acting within his scope of licensure when it is used in accordance with the prescription order and for the use for which it was intended;

(2) knowingly prescribing, selling, giving away or administering, directly or indirectly, or offering to prescribe, sell, furnish, give away or administer any scheduled controlled substance as defined in Title 58, Chapter 37 to a drug dependent person, as defined in Subsection 58-37-2(14) unless permitted by law and when it is prescribed, dispensed or administered according to a proper medical diagnosis and for a condition indicating the use of that controlled substance is appropriate;

(3) knowingly engaging in billing practices which are abusive and represent charges which are grossly excessive for services rendered;

(4) directly or indirectly giving or receiving any fee, commission, rebate or other compensation for professional services not actually and personally rendered or supervised; however, nothing in this section shall preclude the legal relationships within lawful professional partnerships, corporations or associations or the relationship between an approved supervising physician and physician assistants or advanced practice nurses supervised by them;

(5) knowingly failing to transfer a copy of pertinent and necessary medical records or a summary thereof to another physician when requested to do so by the subject patient or by his legally designated representative;

(6) failing to furnish to the board information requested by the board which is known by a licensee with respect to the quality and adequacy of medical care rendered to patients by physicians licensed under the Medical Practice Act;

(7) failing as an operating surgeon to perform adequate pre-operative and primary post-operative care of the surgical condition for a patient in accordance with the standards and ethics of the profession or to arrange for competent primary post-operative care of the surgical condition by a licensed physician and surgeon who is equally qualified to provide that care;

(8) billing a global fee for a procedure without providing the requisite care;

(9) supervising the providing of breast screening by diagnostic mammography services or interpreting the results of breast screening by diagnostic mammography to or for the benefit of any patient without having current certification or current eligibility for certification by the American Board of Radiology. However, nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted to prevent a licensed physician and surgeon from reviewing the results of any breast screening by diagnostic mammography procedure upon a patient for the purpose of considering those results in determining appropriate care and treatment of that patient if the results are interpreted by a physician and surgeon qualified under this subsection and a timely written report is prepared by the interpreting physician and surgeon in accordance with the standards and ethics of the profession;

(10) failing of a licensee under Title 58, Chapter 67, without just cause to repay as agreed any loan or other repayment obligation legally incurred by the licensee to fund the licensee's education or training as a medical doctor;

(11) failing of a licensee under Title 58, Chapter 67, without just cause to comply with the terms of any written agreement in which the licensee's education or training as a medical doctor is funded in consideration for the licensee's agreement to practice in a certain locality or type of locality or to comply with other conditions of practice following licensure;

(12) a physician providing services to a department of health by participating in a system under which the physician provides the department with completed and signed prescriptions without the name and address of the patient, or date the prescription is provided to the patient when the prescription form is to be completed by authorized registered nurses employed by the department of health which services are not in accordance with the provisions of Section 58-17a-620;

(13) failing to keep the division informed of a current address and telephone number; and

(14) engaging in alternate medical practice except as provided in Section R156-67-603.

R156-67-602. Medical Records.

In accordance with Subsection 58-67-803(1), medical records shall be maintained to be consistent with the following:

(1) all applicable laws, regulations, and rules; and

(2) the Code of Medical Ethics of the Council on Ethical and Judicial Affairs as published in the AMA Policy Compendium, 2001 edition, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

R156-67-603. Alternate Medical Practice.

(1) A licensed physician and surgeon may engage in alternate medical practices as defined in Subsection R156-67-102(2) and shall not be considered to be engaged in unprofessional conduct on the basis that it is not in accordance with generally accepted professional or ethical standards as unprofessional conduct defined in Subsection 58-1-501(2)(b), if the licensed physician and surgeon:

(a) possesses current generally accepted written documentation, which in the opinion of the board, demonstrates the treatment or therapy has reasonable potential to be of benefit to the patient to whom the therapy or treatment is to be given;

(b) possesses the education, training, and experience to competently and safely administer the alternate medical treatment or therapy;

(c) has advised the patient with respect to the alternate medical treatment or therapy, in writing, including:

(i) that the treatment or therapy is not in accordance with generally recognized standards of the profession;

(ii) that on the basis of current generally accepted medical evidence, the physician and surgeon finds that the treatment or therapy presents no greater threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the patient than prevailing generally recognized standard medical practice; and

(iii) that the prevailing generally recognized standard medical treatment or therapy for the patient's condition has been offered to be provided, or that the physician and surgeon will refer the patient to another physician and surgeon who can provide the standard medical treatment or therapy; and

(d) has obtained from the patient a voluntary informed consent consistent with generally recognized current medical and legal standards for informed consent in the practice of medicine, including:

(i) evidence of advice to the patient in accordance with Subsection (c); and

(ii) whether the patient elects to receive generally recognized standard treatment or therapy combined with alternate medical treatment or therapy, or elects to receive alternate medical treatment or therapy only.

(2) Alternate medical practice includes the practice of homeopathic medicine.

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